

DIVORCE,
The Subject of the National Council of Women's Report.
Practical Steps to Be Taken toward a Reform.

Each State Legislature to Be Asked to Consider the Matter.
Both sexes are Equally Interested—Majority of Applicants Women.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—At the morning session of the National Council of Women the report of the committee on divorce reform was presented by its chairman, Mrs. Ellen Mattelle Dietrick, of Cambridge, Mass.

The report says that in order to study the steps taken by men on the question of divorce reform the committee joined the National Divorce Reform League, directed and managed wholly by men. Continuing, the report says: "The National League has acted wisely in its policy to have a constitutional amendment to enforce uniform rule of divorce for the whole United States."

"It has acted most wisely in securing from congress provision for the extensive report on marriage and divorce published by the National League in 1887, a work which should be studied by every household, as it concerns every household directly or indirectly."

But the National Divorce Reform League has acted unwisely in procuring commissions on uniform law in eight states which cover more than one-fourth the population of this country, not a member of which commission is female.

In view of the fact that over 98 per cent. of divorces in the United States during twenty years were granted to women on their petitions for divorce from their husbands and that a great majority of these were for desertion or cruel treatment, your committee submits that something more is needed than to teach girls how to sew and cook, valuable as it believes such instructions to be.

For the reasons herein set forth your committee begs to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, By the executive board of National Council of Women of the United States, as divorce is a measure equally concerning both sexes, we hold it just that all commissions created to deal with divorces should be composed of both men and women; and we urge, as an organization of national organizations, comprising about 700,000 representative women, request that appointment power in such cases, whether gubernatorial or legislative, that all such commissions hereafter to be appointed shall be composed of both men and women in equal numbers.

Resolved, That we ask the National Divorce Reform League to take no steps toward altering existing laws, but to confer with the National Council of Women of the United States through its standing committee on divorce reform.

Resolved, That we instruct our committee on divorce reform to ask for a hearing before the National Divorce Reform League at its next regular meeting, in order to provide for cooperation between men and women in regard to this measure, which equally affects both.

Resolved, That the first step toward the elevation of the home is to place women in positions of legal equality.

Resolved, That a letter be sent to the governor of each state and territory asking them to call the attention of the legislature to the situation concerning divorce laws, requiring the appointment of a committee to consider the matter, said committee to consist equally of men and women.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted and the report of the committee accepted.

TWO BILLS VETOED.
WASHINGTON, March 1.—The president has sent to the house his veto of the two bills granting rights of way through Indian territory to the Arkansas & Northwestern and the Oklahoma & Central Railroad Co.

Chinese Force Augmented.
LONDON, March 1.—The Times correspondent in Hai-Chen says: "The Chinese are now on the verge of a new invasion of the Szechuan river. Their force has been increased to 50,000. Sixteen thousand of them have been seen in the vicinity of Hai-Chen since the 21st, but there has been no serious attack."

Agel Men Subdued.
CINCINNATI, March 1.—Theodore Alonzo, a 70-year-old German, living with his son in apartments on the third floor of 25 Allison street, committed suicide Thursday afternoon by shooting himself. He had been grief-stricken by the loss of his wife two years ago and the same.

Paul Jones Will.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 1.—Paul Jones, the distiller, who died here last Sunday, left \$100,000 to his two nephews, who were named.

He left \$20,000 to his sister in Atlanta, and about \$100,000 to various relatives, who get about \$10,000 each.

A Top-Mile Ditch.
PRINCETON, Ind., March 1.—A mammoth ditch ten miles long, and forty feet at the top and twelve feet deep will shortly be started by the city as part of this county. Contracts will shortly be advertised. The estimated cost is \$100,000.

England Mayor Dying.
LONDON, March 1.—Sir Francis Wyatt Fracast, who was lord mayor of London the year President Garfield was assassinated, and who had the Stars and Stripes carried in the lord mayor's show, is dying. He was born in 1824.

Dropped Dead.
MOUNTAIN, Ind., March 1.—John Mulford dropped dead last night after a Thursday morning. Wednesday he was on a suit in the Lawrenceburg court in the famous Mulford and Brown election case.

SENTENCED.
Train Robber Morganfield Told Eighteen Years in the Penitentiary.
STAFFORD C. H., Va., March 1.—It was 4 o'clock when the prosecuting attorney closed his two-hour argument in winding up the Aquia Creek train robbery case, and ten minutes later the jury returns with a verdict.

"Gentlemen of the jury, look upon the prisoner, said Clerk Bryan. "Have you agreed upon your verdict?"

"We have," replied Foreman Jones, in a firm voice.

"Is he guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty," said the foreman and the verdict was handed up.

It is as follows:

"We, the jury, find the prisoner, Charles Morganfield, guilty as charged in the indictment and fix his term of confinement in the penitentiary at eighteen years."

The judge asked Morganfield if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced. Half raising himself, Morgan said: "I was not ready for trial and had no idea it would be tried at this term of court. I was not in the city all strangers are closely watched. Files of the Havana papers give meager details of fighting at various points."

"LaLucha" states that on Tuesday a squad of revolutionists, numbering over half a hundred, and well armed, had a hot fight with Spanish soldiers at Matanzas. Several Spaniards were killed. At Aguacate 150 Cubans marched, but the Spanish soldiers were not searched for them. A free fight ensued at Yarra Sunday. Armande Gonzales and his brother, Leopold, were riding into the town on horse back when the insurgents met them and demanded their horses. Leopold dismounted, but his brother showed fight, and he was shot and killed. Spanish soldiers and policemen then came up, and a fierce fight ensued. The insurgents were forced to retreat, but lost no men. Lopez, who shot Gonzales, has had a price put on his head.

The latest reliable reports from the report of Guantanamo, on the eastern shore of the island, are that the uprising there is by no means suppressed. Fully 100 insurgent troops are still under arms. The Spanish troops show no disposition to engage in battle with them.

In Havana, Thursday night, many persons were arrested and imprisoned in Castle Moro. Among them are Julius Sanquillo, and J. M. Aguerre, who are naturalized American citizens, but the government suspects them of complicity in the insurrection. A court martial has been ordered to try these two men, and they have applied to Consul General Williams for protection.

ALL QUIET.
Ex-Priest Slattery Gets Off His Lecture Under Police Guard at Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 1.—A grand old fight surrounded the old fellow, but during the lecture Slattery Thursday night. Several hundred curious people gathered in the streets, but there was no disturbance. Seven hundred people were in the hall and listened to the lecture, which was a discussion of the Roman Catholic church, and an alleged exposure of the secrets of the confessional.

At the close of the lecture Slattery announced that a V. A. organization would be in Savannah within twenty-four hours. The crowds on the outside of the hall waited for Slattery's appearance, and there were fears that an attempt might be made to attack him, but none was made.

Eleven minutes had been made so far for participating in Monday night disturbances. Three were given ten sentences in jail and one was fined \$10. The others are yet to be given a hearing. Slattery will go from here to Macon. He lectured Thursday to several hundred ladies on the sisterhood of the church and the confessional.

Confagration at Fergus Falls.
FERGUS FALLS, Minn., March 1.—At 12:30 a. m. a fierce fire was raging in the heart of the city. It started in the Collier shoe factory, which was totally destroyed, and is now in a large brick building owned by Judge Williams. A terrific north wind is blowing, and if the fire gets out of this block it will sweep the south side of the river. The fire, B. Wright estate will be a heavy loss. Twenty-five thousand dollars worth of property is already insured. The property is about half insured.

Price of a Wife's Affection.
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 1.—The \$100,000 sentimental suit of Dan Mayhew against W. E. Kelly for the alleged alienation of the affections of Mayhew's wife, which has occupied the courts for the past week, resulting the court room daily, resulted Thursday night in a verdict of \$100,000 damages and costs in favor of plaintiff. The jury sat for twenty minutes. The costs will aggregate \$1,000. An appeal will be taken.

Railway Disaster in Mexico.
CITY OF MEXICO, March 1.—A special train on the Intercontinental railway derailed Thursday afternoon. The first report is that forty persons were injured and that half of them are dead. The train factory which has been dispatched to the scene. The train was conveying pilgrims from Amoenoc.

At the Philadelphia Mint.
PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—The total number of pieces collected in the mint of this city during the current month was 2,400,000, representing in valuation \$7,740,000, as follows: Double eagles, 120,000; half eagles, 120,000; half dollars, 3,000; five cents, 100,000; and cents, 1,100,000.

Change Homicide.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 1.—Oliver W. Tuttle, aged 20, one of the best known residents, committed suicide Thursday morning by hanging himself from the rafters in a warehouse near the city. Temporary insanity resulting from grief is the supposed cause.

CONDENSED NEWS
Gathered From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

Cherokee Bill was convicted at Fort Smith of murder.

A heavy rain visited North Texas Thursday. The crops needed it.

The investigation at Kansas City of the election shows gross violations of law.

Albert Brown, a brewer, of Seattle, Wash., snatched at Rock Island, Ill., by shooting. No crime.

A concurrent resolution striking the word "male" out of the constitution passed the Nevada assembly.

Arthur Strider, Walter Hayer, Elmer Bates, and Billy Wright were arrested at Chicago, Ill., for white-capping.

By a vote of 67 yeas and 30 nays, the New York assembly passed the bill to provide free transportation for all state officers.

A row at Kimball, W. Va., resulted in the wounding of five men and two women, all colored. Henry Natts, one of the wounded, died.

Ben Phillips was run over and killed on the Norfolk & Western railroad, near Ashland, Va. His head being completely severed from his body.

Penal agent A. V. Rice, Columbus, O., received advices that \$3,000,000 have been placed to the credit of Columbus agency for quarterly payments, commencing March 1.

Four large saw mills and seventy-five carloads of lumber were destroyed by fire at Black Rock, Ark. P. V. Belmont, the St. Joseph Lumber Co., and the Hockett Lumber Co. and McKay were the losers. Loss, \$2,000.

Two skeletons were discovered in a cave near Coahuila, Tex. They are believed to be those of two young men from Kansas City, who left San Antonio about six years ago on a horse-back trip through west Texas.

Frank Gierchick and wife, an aged couple who kept a store at a place called Free Mile, were forced to retreat in the country west of Savannah, Ga., were brutally assaulted by two Negroes, for robbery, and both will probably die.

The treasury statement to be issued will show the excess of expenditures over receipts for the eight months of the current fiscal year to be \$3,260,000. This does not include \$1,000,000 owed the sinking fund for the current fiscal year.

The Central News correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that a large number of persons, mostly students, have been arrested in Kiofi and Olesna on suspicion that they were engaged in revolutionary plots. Among the prisoners are several Poles and Jews.

The Report Not Confirmed.
COLORADO, March 1.—No confirmation has reached here of the rumor that a British cruiser at Bluefields, recently fired upon a sailing vessel supposed to be carrying contraband of war, which vessel was said to be flying the American flag.

THE MARKETS.
CINCINNATI, Feb. 28.
Wheat Winter patent, 100 bushels, \$1.00; do extra, 97.50; do family, 95.00; do export, 92.50; low grades, 87.50; spring, 90.00; 30 bushels, 95.00; 35 bushels, 97.50; 40 bushels, 100.00; 45 bushels, 102.50; 50 bushels, 105.00; 55 bushels, 107.50; 60 bushels, 110.00; 65 bushels, 112.50; 70 bushels, 115.00; 75 bushels, 117.50; 80 bushels, 120.00; 85 bushels, 122.50; 90 bushels, 125.00; 95 bushels, 127.50; 100 bushels, 130.00.

Wheat No. 2 red soft, 97.50; No. 3 red soft, 95.00; No. 4 red soft, 92.50; No. 5 red soft, 90.00; No. 6 red soft, 87.50; No. 7 red soft, 85.00; No. 8 red soft, 82.50; No. 9 red soft, 80.00; No. 10 red soft, 77.50; No. 11 red soft, 75.00; No. 12 red soft, 72.50; No. 13 red soft, 70.00; No. 14 red soft, 67.50; No. 15 red soft, 65.00; No. 16 red soft, 62.50; No. 17 red soft, 60.00; No. 18 red soft, 57.50; No. 19 red soft, 55.00; No. 20 red soft, 52.50; No. 21 red soft, 50.00; No. 22 red soft, 47.50; No. 23 red soft, 45.00; No. 24 red soft, 42.50; No. 25 red soft, 40.00; No. 26 red soft, 37.50; No. 27 red soft, 35.00; No. 28 red soft, 32.50; No. 29 red soft, 30.00; No. 30 red soft, 27.50; No. 31 red soft, 25.00; No. 32 red soft, 22.50; No. 33 red soft, 20.00; No. 34 red soft, 17.50; No. 35 red soft, 15.00; No. 36 red soft, 12.50; No. 37 red soft, 10.00; No. 38 red soft, 7.50; No. 39 red soft, 5.00; No. 40 red soft, 2.50; No. 41 red soft, 0.00; No. 42 red soft, 0.00; No. 43 red soft, 0.00; No. 44 red soft, 0.00; No. 45 red soft, 0.00; No. 46 red soft, 0.00; No. 47 red soft, 0.00; No. 48 red soft, 0.00; No. 49 red soft, 0.00; No. 50 red soft, 0.00.

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